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**President**

To the following personnel:  
The Presidents of the WBF NBOs  
WBF President Emeritus  
WBF Executive Council Members  
WBF Committee of Honour Members  
WBF Zonal Conference Presidents  
WBF General Counsel

c/c Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion Ltd  
WBF Secretariat

Lausanne, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**For the attention of : Rafael Amoedo**  
**President Brazilian Bridge Federation**

Dear Rafael

Re: WBF Congress 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Information Letter

I am very pleased to provide you with an update on the planning of the WBF Congress.

Given the current pandemic situation worldwide and the cancellation of the 2020 World Bridge Championships, the Management Committee, as we previously informed you, unanimously resolved, on June 23 2020, that the 2020 Congress will be hosted in accordance with art. 6f par. 1 lit. b of Ordinance 2 on Measures to Combat Coronavirus of the Swiss Federal Council.

Consequently, members will be not able to attend the Congress physically and will be requested to send their voting instructions in writing or in electronic form (e-mail) to the independent proxy appointed by the Management Committee at the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, namely the law firm Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion Ltd, represented by one of its Partners.



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A specific process will be implemented to ensure that you are provided with the relevant material and information - in particular with respect to the 3 members of the Executive Council to be elected by the Congress - sufficiently in advance in order to give your voting instructions to the independent proxy.

The Congress will then be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 with the attendance of a limited number of persons, including the Independent Proxy who will notify the results of the votes. We will examine the possibility of broadcasting this (residual) Congress on the internet.

Our aim is to implement a clear, transparent and efficient process to run the Congress without your (physical) attendance. The process will be further detailed in the convocation to the Congress that will be forwarded on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

Depending on the evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Executive Council or the Management Committee may still revisit the practicalities of holding the 2020 Congress.

Given the great importance of the Congress in respect of the provision of the new Statutes, the elections and any other matters for discussion that will be included in the Agenda, I am confident that the representatives of the NBOs will reward this, as is our custom, by a high level of participation.

I remain at your disposal should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Gianarrigo Rona

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Gianarrigo Rona', is written over the typed name.